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	Art Unit	3751	
	Examiner Name	LE, Huyen D.	
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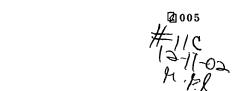
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to consideration of the application on the merits. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to December 19, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.